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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA
### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 17 October 2000*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

3 p.m. 35th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work: third report of the General Committee (A/55/250/Add.2) [8]

2. Report of the Security Council (A/55/2) [11]

**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. 16th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects, as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/55/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 13th meeting Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [83] (A/55/20, A/55/153)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Afternoon*- 6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 13th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 2

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [98] (A/55/84-E/2000/16)

## THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | 25th meeting | Conference<br>Room 1 |

Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [111] (A/55/202 and A/55/268)

*Conclusion of general discussion*

## FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | 14th meeting | Conference<br>Room 3 |

1. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [119]

   *Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Management on the current financial situation of the United Nations*

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [116]

   Procurement reform (A/55/127, A/54/458, A/54/866 and A/55/458)

   Outsourcing practices (A/55/301 and A/55/479)

   *Conclusion of general discussion*

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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 11.30 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference<br>Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference<br>Room 10 |

*Subjects*

1. Executive session on results-based budgeting
2. Executive session on the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the administration of justice
3. Executive session on management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization
4. Draft report

## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

*Informal consultations*

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Economic and Social<br>Council Chamber |

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon) on all outstanding issues for the resumed substantive session of the Council on 18 October

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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (b)*
*(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments), will be held *today*, 17 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

*Informal consultations on agenda item 34 (a)*
*(Oceans and the law of the sea)*

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 34 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 17 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Tuesday, 17 October 2000*

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND SIXTH COMMITTEES
*(on agenda items 34 (a) and (b)(Oceans and the law of the sea))*

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| 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

ORGANIZATION OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE:

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE DIALOGUE AMONG CIVILIZATIONS
*(at the ambassadorial level)*

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| 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

ARAB GROUP OF THE WHOLE

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| 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |
| 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Room C-209B |

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE
*(at the ambassadorial level)*

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| 11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m. | closed meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND THIRD COMMITTEES
*(on agenda item 94 (d) (High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership))*

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| 1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
*(draft resolution on INSTRAW)*

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| 1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
*(draft resolution on agenda item 12 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))*

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| 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 2 |

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There will be meetings of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament *today*, 17 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 6. p.m. in Conference Room B.

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An Expert Group Meeting on Policy Responses to Population Ageing and Population Decline will continue *today* and *tomorrow*, 17 and 18 October 2000, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting is organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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**Briefing**

A briefing on the regional consultations on financing for development will be held by the Executive Secretaries of the five regional commissions (ECE, ESCAP, ECLAC, ECA and ESCWA) for the Bureau and all members of the Preparatory Committee of the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development. The briefing will take place *today*, 17 October 2000, at 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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**Informal consultations**

The Vice-Chairperson of the Third Committee, Ms. Paterson (New Zealand), will hold informal consultations on a text of the Chairperson's draft resolution under agenda item 108 *today*, 17 October 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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**Announcement**

As from Tuesday, 3 October 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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**Announcement**

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 18 October 2000*

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-fifth session*

**Committees**

FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m. | 17th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

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| 10 a.m. | 14th meeting | Conference Room 4 |

SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. - 12 noon | 16th meeting | Conference Room 2 |

THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 26th meeting | Conference Room 1 |

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| 3 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

SIXTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 9th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m. | 10th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**Committees**

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 114 (Human rights questions), beginning on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, as follows:

On Tuesday, 24 October, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions);

On Wednesday, 25 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on the question of religious intolerance); Mr. Arjun K. Sengupta (Independent expert on the right to development); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Haiti). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq);

On Thursday, 26 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the question of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi);

On Friday, 27 October, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro);

On Wednesday, 1 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the situation of human rights in Rwanda).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

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The 2000 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Wednesday, 1 November 2000, at 10 a.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities. The second meeting devoted to this segment will take place on Thursday, 2 November, at 10 a.m.

The segment devoted to the 2000 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be convened on Wednesday, 1 November, at 3 p.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open from Thursday, 26 October, to Tuesday, 31 October. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Secretariat (Mr. A. De Barros or Ms. L. Bawar (tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 3-5973; fax: (212) 963-5935; room S-2950G)).

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the JUSCANZ (Third Committee) on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, from 9 a.m. to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 2 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations of the Non-aligned Movement on Thursday, 19 October 2000, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room E.

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There will be meetings of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Thursday, 26, and Friday, 27 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1. p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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## Workshops

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing jointly with the World Trade Organization (WTO) a Workshop on International Trade Negotiations as part of the International Trade Series. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held from Wednesday, 18 to Friday, 20 October 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 1 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 2 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 27 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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## Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Forum will be addressed by Her Majesty Queen Sylvia of Sweden, who will present the work of the World Childhood Foundation. Participants are asked to be seated by 10.45 a.m. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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## Briefings

There will be a briefing for the members of the Group of 77 and China by the Managing Director of the Global Mechanism of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, Mr. Per Rydan. Mr. T. Shibata, Assistant President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, Department of Economic Policy and Resource Strategy, will also participate. The briefing will be take place on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Fourth Conference of the Parties (Bonn, 11-22 December 2000). The briefing will take place on Thursday, 19 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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The briefing to Group of 77 Ambassadors and their experts by the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), Mr. Mohamed El-Ashry, will take place on Tuesday, 7 November 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the agency's development programme to assist developing countries on the following issues. : climate change, biological diversity, desertification and forests: (a) capacity-building; (b) technology transfer; and (c) adaptation.

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**Panel discussion**

The International NGO Committee on Human Rights will host a panel discussion on "Mandate and Mainstreaming of the Work of the Thematic Special Representatives and Rapporteurs" on Wednesday, 25 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

# SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

*Monday, 16 October 2000*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

34th plenary meeting

*Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/366)* [7]

The General Assembly took note of document A/55/366.

*Election to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/55/379)* [16 (a)]

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the African States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, the Bahamas, Botswana, France, Mexico, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America were declared elected members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2001.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 16.

*Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seventeen members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law* [16 (b)]

Since the number of candidates from among the African States, the Asian States, the Eastern European States, the Latin American and Caribbean States and the Western European and other States was equal to the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, Benin, Brazil, Cameroon, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, the Russian Federation, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were declared elected members of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law for a six-year term of office beginning on 25 June 2001.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 16.

*Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/424)* [17(b)]

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/55/424), appointed Mr. Wu Gang (China) a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 16 October 2000 and ending on 31 December 2002.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 17.

*Programme of work*

The General Assembly was informed that, at the request of the parties concerned, consideration of agenda item 36 (Bethlehem 2000), originally scheduled for Monday, 16 October 2000, was postponed to a future date.

## GENERAL COMMITTEE

4th meeting

*Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items* [8]

*(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Netherlands (A/55/234)*

The representative of the Netherlands, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons" (A/55/234).

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Brazil, at his request, to take his place at the Committee's table.

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

*(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several countries (A/55/235)*

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that an additional agenda item entitled "Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit" (A/55/235) should also be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

*(c) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by several countries (A/55/236)*

The representative of the Republic of Korea, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Peace, security and reunification of the Korean peninsula" (A/55/236).

The representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, also made a statement concerning the request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Peace, security and reunification of the Korean peninsula" (A/55/236).

In accordance with rule 43 of the rules of procedure, the representative of Singapore made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should also be included in the agenda of the fifty-fifth session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

## Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 15th meeting

*Thematic discussion on item subjects as well as introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81*

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 65 to 81).

The representative of Poland made a statement (on behalf of Poland and Canada).

The representative of Poland introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.18.

The representative of the Republic of Korea made a statement in support of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.18.

The representative of Algeria introduced draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.7.

The representative of China made a statement in relation to draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.1.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE 12th meeting

*International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space* [83]

The Chairman made statement.

The representative of Chile, Chairman of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, introduced the two reports of that Committee contained in documents A/55/20 and A/55/153.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia, and the associated countries of Cyprus and Malta, as well as the EFTA and EEA country member, Norway), the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and China.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate on the item the same day at 6 p.m.

*Organization of work*

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 14th meeting

*Sustainable development and international economic cooperation* [94]

(a) *Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth Development Decade*

(b) *Integration of the economies in transition*

(c) *Cultural Development*

(d) *High-level dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

(e) *Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlement (Habitat II)*

The Committee continued its consideration of the agenda item.

*General debate*

Statements were made by the representatives of India, Lithuania, the Republic of Moldova (on behalf of Georgia, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova), Kenya, Ukraine, Peru, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Turkey and Canada.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion of the item.

*Organization of work*

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under items 94 (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) was Tuesday, 17 October, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE 24th meeting

*Advancement of women* [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.12*

The representative of the Philippines, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, China, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, the Dominican Republic, Iceland, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Panama, the Republic of Moldova, Slovenia, Sweden, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Viet Nam, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.14*

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Costa Rica, Fiji, Greece, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Slovenia and Spain, introduced the draft resolution.

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.15*

The representative of Denmark, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cape Verde, Costa Rica, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Japan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama and Slovenia, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

*Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People* [111]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director, New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries), New Zealand, the Russian Federation, Australia and Mexico.

*Organization of work*

The Committee was informed that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 111 was Tuesday, 17 October, at 6 p.m.

The Committee was reminded that on Wednesday, 18 October, it would begin its consideration of items 112 and 113 and have the occasion to enter into a dialogue with the Special Rapporteurs and the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

The Committee was also reminded that on Thursday, 19 October, in the afternoon, it would take up agenda item 118 to hear comments on the medium-term plan. Delegations were also invited to submit to the Secretary written comments on the plan for onward transmission to the Fifth Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 13th meeting

*Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations* [116]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

*Procurement reform and outsourcing practices*

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the reports of that Committee (A/55/479 and A/55/458).

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/127, A/54/458, A/54/866 and A/55/301).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), the Syrian Arab Republic, South Africa, Cuba and Uruguay.

The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services replied to questions raised.

*Organization of work*

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba, South Africa, France, Canada, Cameroon and Algeria.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 8th meeting

*Progressive development of the principles and norms of international law relating to the new international economic order* [154]

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and China.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 154.

*Review of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the United Nations* [165]

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France, Mali, Sierra Leone, India, Cuba, the Syrian Arab Republic and Guatemala.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 165.

*Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Organization* [163]

The delegation of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.6/55/L.3.

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**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Seventieth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2000

1868th meeting

The seventieth session of the Committee was opened by the Chairperson, Mrs. Cecilia Medina Quiroga (Chile).

*Adoption of the agenda* [1]

The Committee adopted the draft programme of work and the provisional agenda (CCPR/C/142) and the agenda of the informal meeting with States parties.

*Organizational and other mattes* [2]

(a) *Reports of the Chairperson/Rapporteur of the pre-sessional Working Group*

The Committee considered the item.

1869th meeting

*Working methods* [2 (b)]

The Committee considered its working methods and its rules of procedure.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**International Day for the Eradication of poverty**

There will be a commemorative programme marking the International Day for the Eradication of poverty, organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the International Movement ATD Fourth World (NGO), *today*, 17 October 2000, in the United Nations gardens, from 12.15 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. Members of Permanent Missions, representatives of non-governmental organizations, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend.

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**Special even‘**

The United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) and the Department for Disarmament Affairs will jointly host a discussion on "Disarmament as Humanitarian Action" on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of UNIDIR *today*, 17 October 2000, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The discussants will be Mr. Soren Jessen-Petersen, Assistant High Commissioner for Refugees; Mr. Martin Griffiths, Director, Henry Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue; and Ms. Randall Forsberg, Director, Institute for Defense and Disarmament Studies. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to participate in the discussion. For further information, please call (212) 963-9624.

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**World March of Women 2000**

To mark one part of the World March of Women 2000 and in commemoration of the International Day of the Eradication of Poverty, a panel discussion, organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada, will be held *today*, 17 October 2000, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The Deputy Secretary-General will address the panel. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call (212) 963-3137.

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**World Food Day 2000**

An observance of World Food Day 2000, under the theme "A Millenium Free From Hunger" will take place on Wednesday, 18 October 2000, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2 (immediately upon the adjournment of the meeting of the Second Committee). Statements will be made by the President of the General Assembly, H.E. Mr. Harri Holkeri, who will deliver the keynote address, as well as by the Secretary-General, the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono and the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Mr. Jacques Diouf. All interested delegations, Secretariat staff, representatives of United Nations Funds and Programmes, the specialized agencies and non governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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**Award ceremony**

The Fourth Annual Race Against Poverty Awards ceremony, under the theme "Breaking the silence on HIV/AIDS", will take place on Monday, 23 October 2000, at 6 p.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Mr. Danny Glover, UNDP Goodwill Ambassador, will be the Master of Ceremonies. The Secretary-General will award four activists for their action against HIV/AIDS. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please call Mr. Zakaria Fellah (tel.: (212) 906-5382).

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**Special event**

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will host an Open House and Information Fair for delegates and staff of the permanent missions and the Secretariat on Tuesday, 24 October 2000, United Nations Day 2000, from 12 noon to 3 p.m. There will be demonstrations of the Library's newest product, UNBISnet, an Internet accessible database containing the index to all United Nations documentation issued since 1979. In addition, there will be demonstrations of other electronic resources, such as UN-I-QUE, Lexis-Nexis, the EIU databases, Oxford Analytica, NewsEdge.

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**Exhibit**

An exhibit of photographs entitled "Ending Rural Poverty: A challenge for the 21st century", sponsored by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) will be on display until 31 October 2000 in the south corner of the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

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